

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 19-20 stand rejected. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 19, and 20. Thus, Claims 1-8 and 19-20 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. To expedite prosecution of this case, Applicants have amended Claim 19 to recite, for example, “at least one processor” and “means that when executed by the at least one processor determines a content category of an Internet site that a user is accessing.” Claims 20 has also been amended to address the rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are directed to statutory subject matter. In view of the proposed claim amendments, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome.

Claim Rejections under §35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Freund (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,611) in view of Reisman (U.S. Patent No. 6,769,009)

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 1 and 19 as being obvious over Freund in view of Reisman. The Office Action notes that “the applicant’s claims do not specify that the claimed timer is directly related to the claimed content category. In other words, any timer that limits the usage of all content on the Internet would read on the applicant’s claimed timer because a timer for ‘all’ content access will increment according to any content category accessed since a content category is included in ‘all’ content.”

Amended Claim 1 is directed to a method of controlling user access to Internet sites and recites, for example, “determining a content category of an Internet site that a user is accessing” and “incrementing said timer with time spent accessing only said content category by said user.” Amended Claim 19 is directed to a system for rating Internet sites and recites, for example, “means that when executed by the at least one processor determines a content category of an Internet site that a user is accessing” and “means that when executed by the at least one processor increments said timer with time spent accessing only said content category by said user.” Applicants respectfully submit that the applied references do not disclose or teach at least the steps and structure recited in amended Claims 1 and 19, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1 and 19 are in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims

Dependent Claims 2-8 and 20 depend directly or indirectly from one of Claims 1 and 19 and, thus, each is patentable for at least the same reasons that the claim from which it depends is patentable over the applied art. Therefore, allowance of dependent Claims 2-8 and 20 is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection set forth in the outstanding Office Action is inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

Any remarks in support of patentability of one claim should not be imputed to any other claim, even if similar terminology is used. Additionally, any remarks referring to only a portion of a claim should not be understood to base patentability on solely that portion; rather, patentability must rest on each claim taken as a whole. Applicants respectfully traverse each of the Examiner's rejections and each of the Examiner's assertions regarding what the prior art discloses or teaches, even if not expressly discussed herein. Although changes to the claims have been made, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby; such amendments are made only to expedite prosecution of the present application and are without prejudice to the presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims relating to the same or similar subject matter.

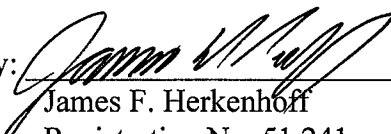
The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the noted rejections and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if an issue requires clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney in order to resolve any such issue promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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